

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHRIS AHNER**, on January 21, 1999 at 3:20 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Chris Ahner, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Toni Hagener (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB107, HB211, HB223, HB230,  
1/21/1999

**HEARING ON HB230**

**Sponsor:** Rep. John Holden, HD86

**Proponents:** Jane Jelinski, Glenna Obie, Tim Burton

**Opponents:** None

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. John Holden  
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**Proponents' Testimony:**

Glenna Obie, Jefferson County Commissioner  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.3}

Tim Burton, Chief Administrative Officer Lewis and Clark County  
**EXHIBIT** (loh16a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.6 - 5.7}

Charles Brooks, on behalf of Commissioner Bill Kennedy of  
Billings  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8}

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5}

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. John Holden  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.6}

**HEARING ON HB223**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Bob Lawson, HD80

**Proponents:** Jane Jelinski

**Opponents:** Lois Fitzpatrick

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Bob Lawson  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Jane Jelinski, Montana Association of Counties

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.2 - 10.5}***

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Karen Strege, Librarian

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4}***

Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association **EXHIBIT**(loh16a02)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.7}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Bob Lawson

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6}***

**HEARING ON HB107**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Linda McCulloch, HD70

**Proponents:** Jane Jelinski, Lois Fitzpatrick, Kathy McGowan

**Opponents:** None

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Linda McCulloch

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.3}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Karen Strege, State Librarian

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.3}***

Kathy McGowan, Lobbyist Montana Library Association

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.4}***

Jane Jelinski, Montana Association of Counties

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.3}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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Staffer Bartley Campbell spoke regarding CI75s effects on HB107.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.8}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Linda McCulloch

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.7}***

**HEARING ON HB211**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Royal Johnson, HD10

**Proponents:** Charles Brooks, Jane Jelinski, Boris Krizek, Jani McCall, Cheryl Patton, Tim Burton, Ed Bartlett, Alec Hansen.

**Opponents:** None

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Royal Johnson

**EXHIBIT**(loh16a03)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.1}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2}***

Jani McCall, City of Billings **EXHIBIT**(loh16a04)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6}***

Boris Krizek, City of Billings Public Utilities Department

**EXHIBIT**(loh16a05)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.7}***

Jane Jelinski, Montana Association of Counties

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.1}***

Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioner

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.4}***

Greg Groepper, Helena City Commissioner **EXHIBIT**(loh16a06)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.9}***

Rep. David Ewer, Helena

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.4}***

Ed Bartlett, Attorney Montana Power Company

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.1}***

Tim Burton, Chief Administrative Officer Lewis and Clark County

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Cheryl Patton, City of Great Falls

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

Bob Anderson, Public Service Community District No. 3

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.4}***

Debbie Smith, Lobbyist Natural Resources Defense Council\

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Royal Johnson

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. CHRIS AHNER, Chairman

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KIMBERLY WALKENHORST, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (loh16aad)